

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 18 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein.

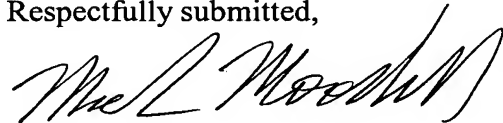
In section 5 on page 3, the Office Action rejects claim 18. Claim 18 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 18 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-17 are all of the remaining claims. Claims 1-17 are allowed by the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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